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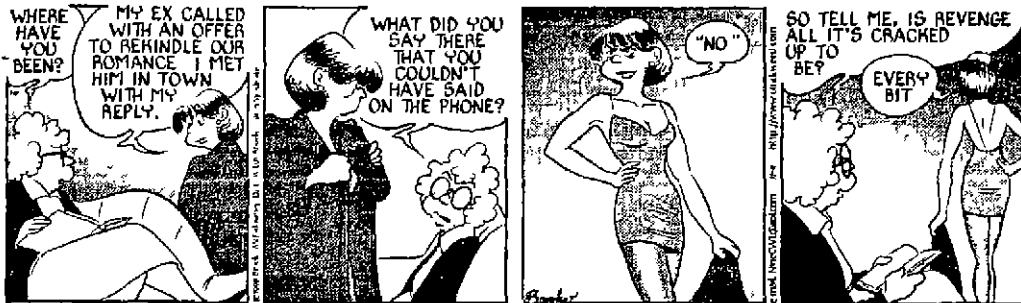
SALLY FORTH



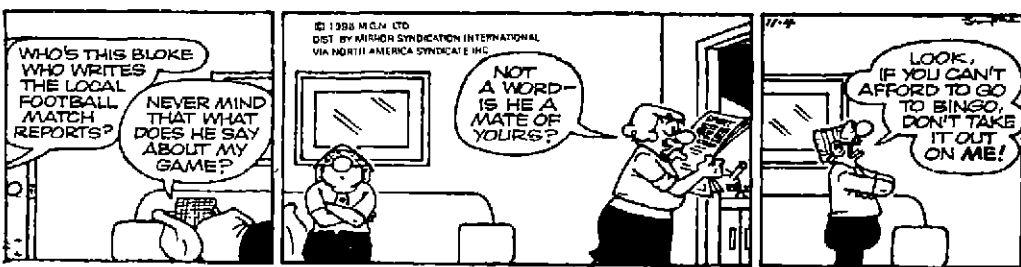
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



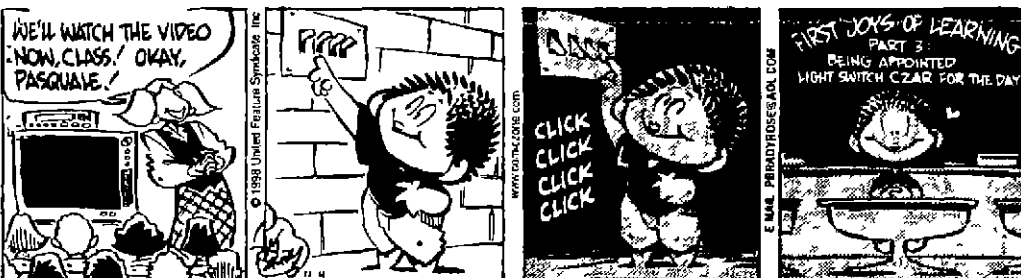
9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



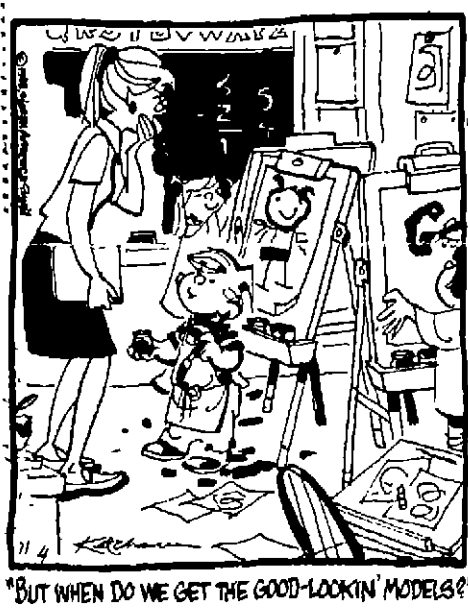
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



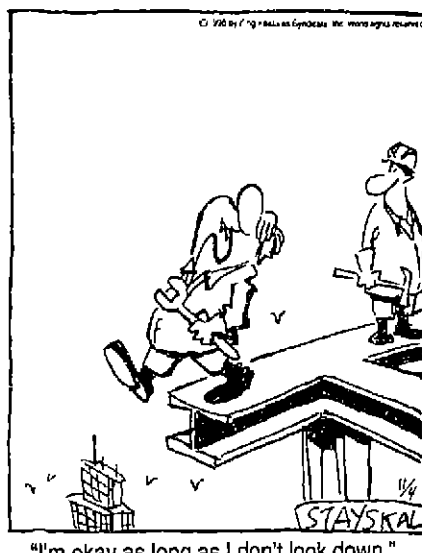
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite is 82. Actor Art Carney is 80. Actress Doris Roberts is 68. Actress Loretta Swit is 61. Actress Markie Post is 48. Pianist Yanni is 44. Rock singer-musician Chris Difford (Squeeze) is 44. Country singer Kim Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 38. Actor Ralph Macchio is 36. Actor Matthew McConaughey is 29. Rapper-producer Puff Daddy is 28.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. Includes a 4x4 grid of letters and a list of words found in the grid.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

San cities

MEBYCVSPMJHEBBY
VTQOLLIGDSOCRAM
BYDWETRPMDCOUKI
FDBIMYWONASTNUS
QOMBERNARDINOKI
FDBZNGNLXDCIWUE
SQONTROLJHNCFS
CAYNESWEVOAOTS
LEAFARQPTNRJELK
IUHFECBNZAFYWL
JLEIRBAGUSMRQPN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF PUERTO RICO

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Nov. 5, 1998
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Share your ideas with the world, but don't spend all your time taking...
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You understand that there is no point in having money if you can't spend it...
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you cannot accomplish everything yourself, you can certainly find the right person for every job...
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Expect a certain level of confusion in your interactions with others...
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you go exploring or investigating in unfamiliar areas, there is no telling what you might find...
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If someone claims to "need to talk," he or she probably only needs a good listener who gives a small portion of advice...
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is difficult to face problems in your personal life, but you have to do it sometime...
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Prepare to assimilate to new and strange circumstances...
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are tempted to engage in discussion and debate with everyone you see...
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You have many things to get done, but you can't seem to focus on any of them...
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Although you often like to be at a distance from your peers, you are ready to get in the center of things at this time...
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You might become frustrated with people's inability to understand you.

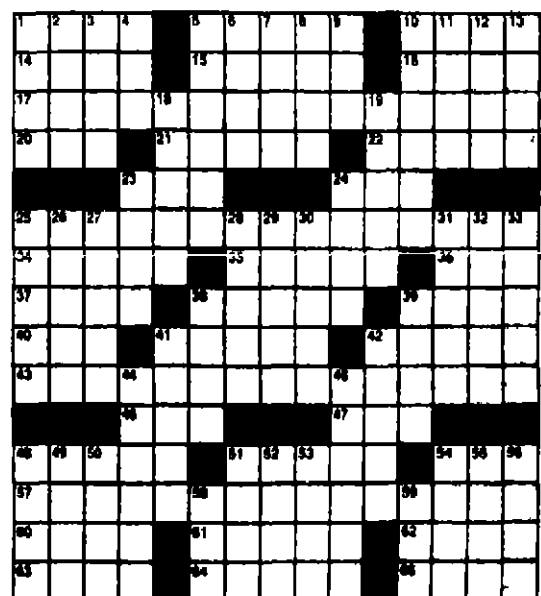
ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff
Put yourself in West's chair and examine the bidding. When the opponents reach four spades, would you double with the expectation of scoring two clubs and two spade tricks? Today's West did, and it was a greedy double. If the contract fails, the double gains an extra 100 points. If South makes his game, West loses an extra 170 points (790 for the doubled game). Worse, if West's double tells South how to make the game that he might not make otherwise, the price is high indeed (790 plus 100). How did South turn the tables? After cashing his top clubs, West shifted to his heart 10. South took his ace and king and led a low trump, forcing West to play an honor. Dummy's ace took West's 10, and South discarded a diamond on dummy's heart queen. After cashing the ace and king of diamonds, South ruffed a diamond in dummy and led dummy's heart jack, happy to see East's discard. Reduced to only his trump suit, South ruffed dummy's heart jack as West followed helplessly. To finish West, South now led a low trump toward dummy. If West won, he would have to lead from his Q-4 to South's K-7.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0923

- ACROSS
1 Cross a shallow creek
5 Instituteur's place
10 Not high
14 Toward shelter
15 Pyle of Mayberry
16 — Raton, Fla.
17 Part 1 of a quip
20 — Schwarz
21 Encumbrances
22 Neuters, as a horse
23 Part of T.G.I.F.
24 Take in
25 Quip, part 2
34 Like a bucket in an old song
36 Dunces
38 River inlet
37 .035 ounce
38 Basketball boo-boos
39 Flight ratio
40 A B.A. member
41 They may be served with caviar
42 Printing process, briefly
43 Quip, part 3
46 Blow away
47 Morrow of "The Bad News Bears"
48 Valuable violin
51 Like Audubon's interests
54 Scale notes
57 End of the quip
60 Common Market money
61 Biscotto flavoring
62 Sophocles tragedy
63 Chiang Mai native
64 Foolaraws
65 Like microbes
DOWN
1 Stray animal
2 A, in communications
3 Retro art style
4 Bioelectric swimmer
5 Madame Bovary's problem
6 Manage
7 Arabian Sea nation
8 Doesn't disallow
9 Act human
10 Heading on a roll book
11 Stable newcomer
12 Etcher's need
13 X-ray units
18 John of rock
19 Prolonged pain
23 Particular
24 Yellow fleet
25 Hindu disciplines
26 Superman's adopted home
27 Pointy-snouted fish
28 Bubbling
29 Pugnistic period
30 Infant's woe
31 Hold the floor
32 Not, in Nuremberg
33 Whoop
36 Chimney channel
39 Catchall category: Abbr.
41 — State (Arkansas nickname)
42 "Rawhide" singer
44 60's dance
45 Skirts
46 Help a hood
49 Kind of engr.
50 — lung
51 Part of A.D.
52 Empty
53 Assuming that's true
54 South Pacific republic
56 Lawyer Dershowitz
57 Voluptuous
58 Polish off
59 Insurrectionist Turner



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